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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4, 11, 13 and 15-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4, 11, 13 and 15-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to RCE filed 4/21/2008.

Claims 1, 5-10, 12, and 14 have been canceled. Claims 2-4, 11, 13, and 15-20 are pending.

Below, Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior art(s) of record in the body of this action for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claims, other passages and figures may apply as well. Applicant should consider the entire prior art as applicable as to the limitations of the claims. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the response, to consider fully each reference in its entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior arts or disclosed by the examiner.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4/21/2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. **Claims 2-4, 11, 13, 17, 19, and 20** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by **Nagano et al. (US 5,778,421)**.

Considering **Claims 2, 19, and 20**, Nagano discloses a data processing system for executing a program on the basis of a command and processing data (column 2, lines 41-46), comprising: a command unit for sending the command (column 8- lines 35-37, Fig. 7- item s41, Figure 5- item s12, column 7- lines 5-8); a processing unit for recording a program (Fig. 2- item 10 and item 30, column 3- lines 3-5); and an access unit for accessing a recording medium recording the data (Fig. 2- item 20 and item 40, column 8- lines 37-41), wherein said access unit includes means for sending to said processing unit inventory information including data identifying information for identifying and position information indicating a recording position of the data recorded in the recording medium (Fig. 5- item s14, Fig. 8, column 7- lines 48-59), said command unit includes means for sending to said processing unit a command including program identifying information for identifying the program and information used for identifying the data (Fig. 5- item s15 and item s19, name data, column 8- lines 6-9), said processing unit includes: a data table for recording the data identifying information and the position information caused to correspond to each other (column 6- lines 53-60, Fig.

4- item 414 and item 334); a first program table for recording the data identifying information of the data related to the process of the program in association with the program identifying information (column 6- lines 53-60, Fig. 4- item 411, item 412, item 331, and item 332); a second program table for recording the program in association with the program identifying information (column 6- lines 53-60, Fig. 4- item 413 and item 333); means for recording to said data table the position information and the data identifying information included in the inventory information received from said access unit (column 6- lines 53-60, Fig. 4- item 414 and item 334); means for extracting from the data table the position information corresponding to the information used for identifying the data and the data identifying information on the basis of the information used for identifying the data included in the command and the data identifying information recorded to the first program table in associated with the program identifying information included in the command received from said command unit (Fig. 5- item s14, Fig. 8, column 7- lines 48-59); and means for sending to said access unit data requirement for requiring a feed of the data recorded in the recording position indicated by the extracted position information (Fig. 2- item 32, Fig. 5- item s11 and item s12), said access unit further includes: means for reading the data from the recording medium on the basis of the data requirement received (Fig. 5- item s12-s15, column 7- lines 1-14 and 48-59); and means for sending the read data to said processing unit (Fig. 2- item 22), and said processing unit further includes: means for extracting from the second program table the program identified by the program identifying information included in the command received from said command unit (column 9 – lines 2-8); and means for

executing the extracted program and processing the data received from said access unit (Fig. 8- item s19, column 8- lines 10-12), wherein input data and output data that result from execution of the program are determined in the first program in advance (column 8- lines 27-55).

Considering **Claim 3**, Nagano discloses the inventory information sent from said access unit includes an owner identifying information for identifying an owner of the data (column 6- lines 19-24), the information used for identifying the data included in the command sent from said command unit is an owner identifying information (Fig. 5- item s13 and s14, column 7- lines 47-55), and the position information, the data identifying information and the owner identifying information included in the inventory information is recorded on said data table (Fig. 4- item 33, column 6- lines 53-60).

Considering **Claims 4, 13, and 17**, Nagano discloses the data identifying information to be assigned to the data that are a result from the execution of the program is recorded in said first program table in correspondence with the program identifying information (column 8- lines 35-41), said processing unit further includes means for sending to said access unit the data that are the result of the execution of the program and the data identifying information to be assigned to the data on the basis of the first program table (column 8- lines 35-41), and said access unit further includes means for recording the received data and the data identifying information to the recording medium (Fig. 7- item s50, column 9- lines 9-13).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 15, 16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Nagano** in view of **Ginter (US 5,917,912)**.

Considering **Claims 15, 16, and 18**, Nagano does not explicitly disclose the data recorded to the recording medium are ciphered data and said processing unit further includes: means for ciphering the data; and means for deciphering the ciphered data. Ginter does explicitly disclose the data recorded to the recording medium are ciphered data and said processing unit further includes: means for ciphering the data; and means for deciphering the ciphered data (column 12, line 30, column 8- lines 1-7, column 14- lines 25-39).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Nagano by the cryptographic functions as taught by Ginter in order to guarantee the accuracy of the information transmitted by the VDE (Ginter- column 14- lines 35-37).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to **Claims 1, 2, and 11** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Regarding **Claims 2, 19, and 20**, in response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., wherein the input and output data that result from execution of the program are determined in the first program table in advance) were not recited in the previously rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Regarding **Claims 2, 19, and 20**, with respect to applicants' argument that Nagano fails to teach "wherein the input and output data that result from execution of the program are determined in the first program table in advance." The applicant is directed to Nagano - column 8- lines 28-55. Nagano discloses system or program (i.e. video game) in which inputs and outputs are determined in advance. While the inputs may be random, a user is not going to provide an input which the system is not programmed to respond to. Every possible input to the system has been preprogrammed into various tables to generate predetermined outputs to the display. Therefore, Nagano discloses input data and output data that result from execution of the program are determined in the first program table in advance.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randal D. Moran whose telephone number is 571-270-1255. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 7:00 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/R. D. M./
Examiner, Art Unit 2135
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